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Welcome to the November 2013 edition of the Radio HF Internet Newsletter. Let me begin by wishing our U.S. subscribers a Happy Thanksgiving Day

My apologies for another late edition! It’s hard to believe we are closing in on the end of another year. Next month will mark the end of our 15th year of publication and distribution of the Radio HF Internet Newsletter. I remember quite clearly putting together the very first edition, not long I had my first experience on the Internet and sending it out to just a handful of friends. I quickly realized just how overwhelming the Internet was 15 years ago and what it would evolve into. The ongoing purpose of this Newsletter has been to make your time spent on the Internet more productive by presenting you with a digestible monthly collection of web pages that deal with specific interests to our subscribers. The content has evolved some over the years but, basically, I’ve tried to stick with radio, communications, media, science & technology, and other somewhat related information.

What has made my job increasingly difficult over the 15 years is the fact that I have become, with just a couple of exceptions, the prime source of content for the Newsletter each month. Although input from subscribers is solicited each and every month, the number of contributors has dwindled to just a few each month. As a result I have to spend more and more time with each issue to find enough material on my own to make the publication worthwhile and informative. Over the years I have had the opportunity to meet literally hundreds of our subscribers. Almost without exception you tell me how great the Newsletter is and how much you appreciate it and look forward to receiving it each month.

All this to say though that just a small increase in the number of you out there taking a few minutes to send along a web link, or two, to include in the Newsletter would help to take an enormous weight off my shoulders. So, as you surf around the web, please consider taking a moment to e-mail me when you land on a site that you think might be of interest to our readers.

Next month, of course, we’ll have some links to sites dealing with the upcoming holidays.

Our Monthly Special Zone for November features web pages on Thanksgiving as well as a number of special United Nations observances in November.

This month’s virtual voyage around the world, in the “Where in the World Zone”, takes us to the Middle East. Officially known as the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, it is the largest Arab state in Western Asia by land area (approximately 2,150,000 km2 (830,000 sq mi), constituting the bulk of the Arabian Peninsula) and the second-largest in the Arab world (after Algeria). It is bordered by Jordan and Iraq to the north, Kuwait to the northeast, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates to the east, Oman to the southeast, Yemen in the south, the Red Sea to the west and Persian Gulf to the east.

So on to this month’s links.

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No comments this month.

THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Thank you to our contributors this month. They are:

Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

WIKIPEDIA – THANKSGIVING

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving

A look at the origins, meaning and observances of the Thanksgiving holiday.

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF TOLERANCE – NOVEMBER 16

http://www.un.org/en/events/toleranceday/index.shtml
http://www.un.org/en/events/toleranceday/index.shtml

WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS – NOVEMBER 17

http://www.worlddayofremembrance.org/ http://www.worlddayofremembrance.org/

UNITED NATIONS WORLD TELEVISION DAY – NOVEMBER 21

http://www.un.org/en/events/televisionday/ http://www.un.org/en/events/televisionday/

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN – NOVEMBER 25
http://www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday/ http://www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday/

UNITED NATIONS: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE – NOVEMBER 29

http://www.un.org/en/events/palestinianday/ http://www.un.org/en/events/palestinianday/

THE NOVEMBER ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia. The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day. Here is the link for the month of November.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/November http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/November

Also, here are some special days and events in November

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

National American Indian Heritage Month
National Peanut Butter Lovers Month
Vegan Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

11 – 15 National Young Reader's Week
17 – 23 American Education Week
24 – 30 Church/State Separation Week
24 – 30 National Family Week

SPECIAL DAYS

6 – United Nations: International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
11 – Veterans Day/Remembrance Day
14 – United Nations: World Diabetes Day
16 – Holocaust Remembrance Day
16 – United Nations: International Day for Tolerance
17 – United Nations: World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
20 – United Nations: Africa Industrialization Day
20 – United Nations: Universal Children's Day
21 – Great American Smokeout
21 – United Nations: World Television Day
25 – United Nations: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
28 – U.S. Thanksgiving Day
29 – Native American Heritage Day
29 – United Nations: International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

28 – Turkey–Free Thanksgiving
29 – Electronic Greetings Day

Source: Chase's Calendar of Events 2013
2013 National Health Observances, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
2013 Calendar of Events, California Department of Education
2013 USDA Health Observances & Holidays
2013 United Nations Observances
VIA
http://ucanr.edu/sites/Spanish/Calendario/November_2011/
http://ucanr.edu/sites/Spanish/Calendario/November_2011/

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #1

NEW FROM ALINCO

Alinco DX-SR9T All-mode + SDR Transceiver

Coverage of All short-wave and HF amateur bands allocated to North America Covers the 160m to 10m amateur bands including 5.3MHz in SSB, CW, AM, FM and IQ output modes. Output power is 100W SSB/CW and FM, 40W in AM with low and super-low power settings for QRP operation. In addition, the general coverage receiver covers 135 KHz to 30 MHz in all modes.
Completely detachable front control panel with large LCD display lets you install the radio with greater flexibility whether in your car, boat or your shack. (Optional EDS-17 cable required)
The SDR system in DX-SR9T consists of I/Q signal output and a mixer circuit. It requires a high quality sound device (internal or USB-interface) and PC specs as follows. Please remember; Higher the PC spec, Better the SDR performance!
For complete details on the DX-SR9T, please visit the following Alinco page
http://www.alinco.com/Products/DX-SR9/ http://www.alinco.com/Products/DX-SR9/

Alinco products are available from Radio HF.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ZONE
THIS MONTH – SAUDI ARABIA

C.I.A. WORLD FACTBOOK – SAUDI ARABIA

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/sa.html
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/sa.html

WIKIPEDIA – SAUDI ARABIA

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saudi_Arabia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saudi_Arabia

OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA

http://www.saudi.gov.sa/ http://www.saudi.gov.sa/

The official web portal of the government of Saudi Arabia. Click on ENGLISH. Site is in Arabic and English.

SAUDI TOURISM

http://www.sauditourism.sa/en/Pages/default.aspx
http://www.sauditourism.sa/en/Pages/default.aspx

Travel and tourism for Saudi Arabia

RADIO STATION WORLD – SAUDI ARABIA

http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/Saudi_Arabia/
http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/Saudi_Arabia/

This is a listing of radio services in the country.

KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA RADIO AND TELEVISION

http://www.sm.gov.sa/English/index.html http://www.sm.gov.sa/English/index.html

The Ministry of Culture and Information’s listing of radio and TV services in Saudi Arabia.

ONLINE NEWSPAPERS – SAUDI ARABIA

http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/saudi.htm http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/saudi.htm

This is a listing of newspapers in the country

THE RADIO ZONE

MODS.DK

http://mods.dk/ http://mods.dk/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The site bills itself as the best site on the internet for modifications repair instructions and improvement of HAM rigs, HAM modems, etc. Here you will find modifications of many types of HAM radios, microphones, power supplies, modems etc. You can find how to modify a radio to receive and transmit out of range, you can find how to modify a radio to use high speed packet modems, and how to modify the radio/modem to get better performance. Right now the database contains 5034 articles.

RADIO EQUIPMENT OF THE RMS QUEEN MARY

http://www.godfreydykes.info/RMS%20QUEEN%20MARY.pdf
http://www.godfreydykes.info/RMS%20QUEEN%20MARY.pdf

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

This is a PDF version of the manual of the radio equipment of the ship.

FROM BACK-BLOCKS TO HIGH SEAS

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBFwTtS4Pl0 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBFwTtS4Pl0

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

From a New Zealand farm to the Queen Mary at sea, follow a message to delivery; the romance of the radio telegraph service. This is a short film about communication to and from New Zealand. It is an 11 minute 1939 government film. The Queen Mary and other radio rooms are shown close up.

LORAN HISTORY

http://www.loran-history.info/default.asp http://www.loran-history.info/default.asp

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

These pages remember the Coast Guardsmen, who served aboard Loran-A, Loran-C stations, and other Loran billets worldwide. These dedicated Coasties are but a few who provided radio navigation signals to millions of navigators. These pages wouldn't exist except through the efforts of MCPO Bill Dietz, USCG(ret). Bill has spent numerous hours for over a decade collecting the information you find here. If you wish to add your information to the database, just fill out the Contact us form. Bill or I will update the list. We are looking for pictures and stories. The site is a wealth of information on these stations and includes many great photos of the individual installations.

INTERNATIONAL LORAN ASSOCIATION

http://loran.org/ http://loran.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The International Loran Association (ILA) advocates the use of enhanced or eLoran as a back-up for and complement to global navigation satellite systems (GNSS) in multiple navigation and timing applications as well as the integration of eLoran and GNSS systems to improve the safety and security of individuals and nations. The ILA fosters the international growth of eLoran as the most complementary, only multimodal, and most cost effective backup to GNSS systems, and promotes coordination between nations and institutions to increase cooperative activities, to establish uniform standards, and to optimize benefits to all users.

RADIO H.F. BOOK REVIEW ZONE

EDITOR: T. J. “Skip” Arey

The 2014 ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications
91st Edition (Centennial Edition)
ISBN: 978-1-62595-000-0
Published by The American Radio Relay League
$59.95 US or Canadian Embossed Hardcover
ARRL Order # 0000
$49.95 US or Canadian Softcover
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The League is celebrating its Centennial with a special edition of the venerable Handbook. Let me put this right up front. The personally embossed hard cover edition is well worth the $10 difference in price! The book is beautiful to the point that you will want to keep it safe from solder drips and shop accidents. No worries because the complete text and dozens of additional features appear on the included CD ROM. Okay, with that out of the way, let’s look at what makes this 91st edition a useful text for any ham.
Each iteration of The Handbook builds on current knowledge and know-how. The book features expanded and updated sections addressing:
MOSFET design for power amplifiers
Telemetry and navigation data including GPS
Oscillators and synthesizers
Current battery technology
The new Codec2 software for HF digital voice
New material on microwave techniques
The annual transceiver model review
I always turn right to the new projects to see what might start to form up on my workbench over the winter months.
New projects include:
A one or two tube linear amplifier for beginning builders
VHF and UHF signal sources
Analog and Digital QSK controllers for amplifier circuits
In addition to the fully searchable text on the above mention CD ROM, you also get expanded information on many of the projects as well as printed circuit board templates.
This latest edition of The Handbook will make for a great gift for the upcoming Holiday Season. Most highly recommended!!!

This book is available from ARRL or from your favourite radio book dealer.

THE GENERAL ZONE

WORLD NEWS

http://wn.com/ http://wn.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

World News (WN) Network was founded in 1995 and launched online in 1998, it is now the most comprehensive, one-stop news resource on the Internet. Today, World News has over 150 million pages indexed - covering Film, Sport, Entertainment, Science, Business, Health and every City on earth. WN is completely free and offers a broad range of media content from a varied and extensive range of sources. A global leader in online news, World News Network presents news from more than 800 reputable sources including mainstream providers BBC, CNN, Reuters, Washington Post, etc to more regional and localized sources The Independent, The New York

Times, delivering unparalleled coverage on a vast range of subjects. This provides users with a variety of perspectives and different interpretations on breaking news events.

FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS

http://www.fas.org/ http://www.fas.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Federation of American Scientists (FAS) works to provide science-based analysis of and solutions to protect against catastrophic threats to national and international security. Specifically, FAS works to reduce the spread and number of nuclear weapons, prevent nuclear and radiological terrorism, promote high standards for nuclear energy's safety and security, illuminate government secrecy practices, as well as track and eliminate the global illicit trade of conventional, nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

READY – PREPARE, PLAN, STAY INFORMED

http://www.ready.gov/ http://www.ready.gov/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Launched in February 2003, Ready is a national public service advertising (PSA) campaign designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies including natural and man-made disasters. The goal of the campaign is to get the public involved and ultimately to increase the level of basic preparedness across the nation.

CIVIL DEFENSE MUSEUM

http://www.civildefensemuseum.com/index.html http://www.civildefensemuseum.com/index.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This virtual museum is dedicated to the Civil Defense and emergency workers of the United States who worked to protect the public from nuclear attack. This virtual museum is for historical purposes.

AIR RAID SIRENS

https://airraidsirens.com/ https://airraidsirens.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site is about air raid sirens. Most people know what these are, and they've most likely heard the sounds, but how many can tell you what they look like? What they weigh? How they work? Who makes them? Not many! That's why this site exists--to satisfy anyone who wants to know more about these sirens.

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #3

What is new in books & publications from the American Radio Relay League, the Radio Society of Great Britain, and other publishers?

Morse Code for Radio Amateurs - 11th Edition
By Roger Cooke, G3LDI
50% larger than its predecessor, the 11th edition of RSGB's Morse Code for Radio Amateurs is essential for anyone looking to expand their horizons by adding Morse code to their skills. It has everything you need to get started in the fascinating hobby, to using computers and increasing your speed.
Contents:
The history of Morse code
How to get started
Abbreviations and prosigns

How to increase your speed
Using the code when DXing or contesting
How to use a straight 'pump', modern keys, and paddles
The latest learning techniques involving computers
Circuits to build a Morse practice oscillator and electronic keyer
CD-ROM included! A free dual purpose computer/audio CD-ROM is included. It contains nearly an hour of audio recordings of Morse code at 5, 10 and 15 words per minute, providing the opportunity to learn in the car or at your leisure. Includes software for Morse contesting, plus bonus articles, pictures, and web links.
Product Details
Softcover: 48 pages
Publisher: Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). Eleventh Edition (2013) ISBN: 9781 9050 8692 4
Order #6096 - $15.95 Canadian or U.S.

Six and Four - The Complete Guide to 50 and 70MHz Amateur Radio
By Don Field, G3XTT
Six meters (50MHz) - the "magic band" - has always been unique. Sometimes it behaves as an HF band, with world-wide propagation, and other times more like a VHF band, enjoying the benefits of meteor scatter and Sporadic E. Operating 6 meters is both a challenge and an enigma, it draws amateurs from both the VHF and HF communities. Similar to this fascinating band is Four meters (70MHz).
Six and Four is essential for all radio amateurs. From beginners who are just getting started in six or four meters, to those who might already have 200+ countries confirmed on the "magic band". With new countries gaining temporary or permanent access on a regular basis, you'll discover both bands are exciting and fun!
Product Details
Softcover: 288 pages
Publisher: Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). First Edition (2013)
ISBN: 9781 9050 8690 0
Order #3764 - $24.95 Canadian or U.S.

Raspberry Pi Workshop Manual (Haynes) - A practical guide to the revolutionary small computer
By Dr. Gray Girling
Raspberry Pi Workshop Manual is the perfect introduction to the affordable small computer. Printed in full color throughout, this manual is aimed at those switching on their Pi for the first time, guiding them through the full process of setup and configuration. The book then introduces various aspects of computing and programming and provides a variety of recipes to demonstrate the acclaimed versatility of the Raspberry Pi's hardware and software. Whether at home or in the classroom, this is the manual everyone needs to get started with their Raspberry Pi.
Product Details
Softcover: 176 pages
Publisher: Haynes Publishing (May 2013) - ISBN: 978-0857332950
Order #1007 - $28.95 Canadian or U.S.

Please visit the Radio HF webpage at http://www.radiohf.ca/publications.htm http://www.radiohf.ca/publications.htm for a complete catalog of all books, publications and CD-Roms available from the ARRL, RSGB and other popular publishers and authors.

THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

CORNELL LAB OF ORNITHOLOGY – ALL ABOUT TURKEYS

http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Wild_Turkey/id
http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Wild_Turkey/id

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Given that Thanksgiving Holiday, I thought it might be fun to take a look at the animal probably most associated with the holiday…the turkey. First and foremost, regardless of the promotional stunt in the famous WKRP in Cincinnati Thanksgiving Day episode, turkeys can actually fly!

FORGOTTEN U.S.

http://forgottenus.com/ http://forgottenus.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Here you will find a directory of haunted places, abandoned places, and just plain weird places in the United States. This site allows users to post new haunted and abandoned places, upload photos taken on your "urban explorations", post comments, and tell stories and share background into the places listed. Have a look around. The purpose of this site is to explore and learn about places that are off the beaten path in the United States, and documenting these places before they are demolished or totally forgotten.

THE 2013 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET ZONE

Here is a list of upcoming events including amateur radio hamfests and fleamarkets, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. This list is compiled by Radio Amateurs of Canada, and other sources.

The hamfest/fleamarket season has wrapped up. Look for listings for 2014 events beginning with the February 2014 edition of the Newsletter.

RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #4

RADIO HF GIFT CERTIFICATES

Remember that the holiday season is not too far away! Gift certificates are a great idea if you’re not sure what that special person is looking for. Radio HF is offering gift certificates available in any denomination. Please contact Radio HF for details.

THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, radio broadcasts and other resources that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962. Our monthly electronic newsletter, MESSENGER, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby as well as amateur radio coverage.
SPECIAL OFFER: To all Radio HF Internet Newsletter subscribers, a FREE sample of our monthly CIDX electronic newsletter, MESSENGER, (in .PDF format) is available to you for the asking. Just send along an e-mail to cidxclub@yahoo.com mailto:cidxclub@yahoo.com, with a valid return e-mail address and you’ll receive your copy. Our November 2013 edition is now available. Membership, at the low cost of $10 per year, is open to radio hobbyists worldwide. We’d love to have you on-board as a member. Please visit the CIDX web page at http://www.cidx.ca http://www.cidx.ca/

PRIME TIME SHORTWAVE

Prime Time Shortwave is a listing of English shortwave broadcast that are updated frequently by webmasters Daniel Sampson and by database administrator Ernest Riley. The schedules are constantly updated from various print and internet sources as well as from monitoring by the webmaster and other shortwave listeners and DXers. The shortwave schedules are available by time, country and frequency format. Also, they are available in ASCII, Dbase and Excel. You will also find links to some of the best radio related websites and to the international broadcasters and time conversion charts (some provided by Craig Braun). Please visit the Prime Time Shortwave webpage at

http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/ http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, on CKUT-FM, 90.3 FM in Montreal this month, is available via the Internet live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Sheldon Harvey & David Asselin, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. The show celebrated its 26th year on the air in November 2013.

Visit the CKUT web page for full CKUT programming details.

http://www.ckut.ca http://www.ckut.ca/

You can check us out on Facebook as well at https://www.facebook.com/groups/188158277887350/ https://www.facebook.com/groups/188158277887350/

You may also listen to archived editions of the programme through the CKUT web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@yahoo.com mailto:radioreport@yahoo.com

That is all for this month. Radio H.F. is a mail order, telephone and on line business, with great products, great prices, and personalized service, serving the radio community since 1995. Be sure to visit the Radio H.F. web site at

http://www.radiohf.ca http://www.radiohf.ca/

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